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1. AS MENTIONED REFTTEL, UP SEEMS TO BE DEEPLY DIVIDED OVER
IDEA OF COALITION WITH PRP ON BASIS OF MARAIS COMMITTEE'S
FOURTEEN PRINCIPLES. LAST TWO WEEKS HAS SEEN INCREASING
EVIDENCE OF DISSENT WITHIN UP. AS MARCH 2 MUNICIPAL
COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN CITIES OF RANDBURG AND GERMISTON DRAW
CLOSER, UP CANDIDATES HAVE WITHDRAWN ALTHOUGH UP HAS
TRADITIONALLY HELD CONTROL THERE. UP MAY PUT UP NEW
CANDIDATES, BUT THEY WOULD BE INEXPERIENCED AND FACE WELL
ORGANIZED PRP CHALLENGES. IN ANOTHER RACE IN ROODEPOORT,
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UP SPOKESMAN INDICATES THAT CANDIDATES MAY STAND AS
INDEPENDENTS. HE TOLD PRESS THAT REASON FOR CONFUSION
WAS DISAGREEMENT OVER MARAIS FOURTEEN PRINCIPLES.

2. IN JOHANNESBURG, UP SPOKESMAN, J.E. OBERHOLZER,
STATED JANUARY 12 THAT UP WOULD DEFINITELY FIGHT PRP IN
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. WHILE STATING THAT HE ACCEPTED

MARAIS PRINCIPLES IN BROAD TERMS, HE PUT FORWARD FIVE POINTS ON WHICH HE SAID JOHANNESBURG UP WOULD STAND. AMONG THESE WERE NO SCHOOL INTEGRATION; RETENTION OF SEPARATE BUSES; NO SWIMMING POOL OR RESIDENTIAL INTEGRATION; AND SEPARATE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS FOR RACE GROUPS.

3. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, PRESS REPORTS ON JANUARY 14 THAT PRP IS CONSIDERING SOME FORM OF ALLIANCE WITH CHIEF BUTHELEZI'S INKATHA MOVEMENT. THIS FOLLOWS PRP/BLACK MEETING LAST MONTH (JOHANNESBURG 2157) AND SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION BY INKATHA OF SEVENTEEN-POINT PLAN ENTITLED "PEOPLES' MOVEMENT FOR RADICAL PEACEFUL CHANGE" TO PRP AND OTHER UNNAMED "INTERESTED" GROUPS. THE POINTS RESEMBLE THE MARAIS PRINCIPLES, CALLING FOR RULE OF LAW, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, OPEN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS, REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH, AND RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL CULTURAL IDENTITIES BUT WITHOUT HINDRANCE ON "FREE MOVEMENT FROM ONE CULTURAL MILIEU TO ANOTHER." CONSIDERATION OF PRP/INKATHA ALLIANCE, BUTHELEZI IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID, WILL BE MADE DESPITE ITS CONTRAVENTION OF INTERFERENCE ACT, WHICH PROHIBITS "INTERFERENCE" BY ONE RACE GROUP IN POLITICAL GROUPINGS OF ANOTHER RACE.

4. RECORDING SECRETARY FOR MARAIS COMMITTEE TOLD EMBOFF THAT BOTH PRP AND UP EXECUTIVES ARE MEETING OVER WEEKEND TO DISCUSS NEW CRISIS IN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE UNITED OPPOSITION. MARAIS COMMITTEE STILL FEELS IT WILL SUCCEED, ALBEIT PERHAPS WITHOUT CERTAIN PORTION OF UP. PRESS HAS SPECULATED THAT SEVERAL OF THE MORE CONSERVATIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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